

**FREDERICK COUNTY COMISSION ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

ATTENDEES:

Members:

Sue M. Adams
William P. Allen, PhD
Collier Baird
Earl S. Beck, PhD
RaeAnn Butler
Harold A. Ehart, Jr., Chair
Lloyd Hoover
Alan E. Imhoff, Alderman
Charles A. Jenkins,
Commissioner
Louise Lynch
Burt Shawver
Carolyn B. True

Excused:

Judy Hallman
Ona M. John Kile
Bernice Sewell
Anna Mary Snyder

Unexcused:

Guests:

Carol Haag
Emily Kilby
Sabrina Massett, DoA
Susan Shelton, DoA
Robert Wannamacher

Call To Order: Hal Ehart, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Welcome & Introductions: Hal Ehart welcomed those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Beck stated that Mr. Kile is listed as “unexcused” from the January meeting. He stated Mr. Kile was previously excused from the January and February meetings. Louise Lynch also stated that the minutes state on page 2 that “Louise Lynch will spearhead this project with the assistance of Earl Beck and report at the next meeting.” It should read, “Earl Beck will spearhead this project with the assistance of Louise Lynch and report at the next meeting.” With those changes, Dr. Beck made a motion to approve the minutes; RaeAnn Butler seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Commissioner’s Report: Commissioner Charles Jenkins gave an update on some of the projects he is working on. He has been looking at the age restricted housing in Frederick County – both approved projects and those in the “pipeline”. He would like to see a reverse in this housing trend, particularly because of the APFO exemptions that apply. Presently there is a 1000 unit project planned on Rt 75 and 80 and a 1200 unit project planned by Land Stewards.

Commissioner Jenkins is also meeting with the Republican Women’s Club tomorrow evening; he plans to speak about the future of Citizens. His inclination is to continue

with the County's general funds obligation, but not that of the proposed rebuilding of Citizens and Montevue, which costs presently stand at approximately \$42 million.

Robert Wannamacher asked Commissioner Jenkins about the Tax Relief for seniors. Commissioner Jenkins replied that no hearings are presently scheduled but it will probably happen near the FY 08 budget approval process in April.

Alderman's Report: Alderman Alan Imhoff stated that the tax relief is unlikely to happen for that budget year. Frederick County recently found out they have to fund OPEB – Other Post Employee Benefits, and this fund will need to include approximately \$35 million for Board of Education retirees and about \$15 million for Frederick County retirees. It doesn't have to be funded all at once, but if it is not paid it will affect the County's bond rating.

Committee Reports: RaeAnn Butler, for the Strategic Planning Committee, stated the pro bono facilitator that was previously scheduled to assist with strategic planning is now unable to help with this process. She anticipates that they will need to find someone who is available for (2) half-day trainings. It was recommended by Commissioner Jenkins to contact Greg Powell's office. He may be able to assist or supply a name of someone who can assist. The Special Events Committee stated they are still looking for someone to speak at the May luncheon. Louise Lynch, on behalf of the Animal Welfare League Committee, stated they have been speaking with Dr. Mike Schaden about pro bono veterinarians, but he indicated that it is not a formal network. Mrs. Lynch stated Sabrina Massett, Meals on Wheels Outreach Worker, has been reviewing her clientele as people possibly in need of pro bono veterinarian services.

Director's Report: Carolyn True, Director, stated she is working with Buckingham's Choice and the County as the meal provider for the Urbana Senior Center. She expects the food service to begin March 1. Supplies for emergency kits have been purchased for each of the senior centers so that, if necessary, we could "shelter in place". Additional supplies are needed, but they have been started.

Announcements: Sue Adams sent around a sign up sheet for the Community Leadership for Seniors meeting.

Emily Kilby, Partners in Care, introduced herself and gave a brief overview of her position and of the program. Carol Haag, Volunteer Frederick, stated she would like to approach her volunteers about signing up to earn credits. Emily asked the assistance of the Commission to refer persons with a transportation need, as well as persons interested in volunteering.

Sabrina Massett gave an update about the Meals on Wheels 5K Run in March. She handed out Registration Forms for runners/walkers, as well as flyers that Commission members could distribute to retailers, places of worship, civic groups, etc.

Bob Wannamacher stated he attended the Allegheny Power hearings about the de-regulation of electricity. A price increase of 72.5% is expected by 2009. For most

customers, this will mean about a \$600 a year increase, but for customers with all electric homes, it could be \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year increase.

Along these lines, Commissioner Jenkins brought up some interesting facts about Solid Waste and its disposal, waste-to-energy management, and its impact on landfill capacity and recycling for Frederick County.

The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2007, 1:00 pm, at the Department of Aging.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Shelton